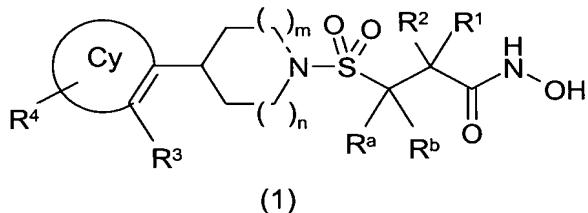


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein:

Cy is an aryl or heteroaryl group;

m is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3; in which the sum of m and n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

R<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylheteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylheterocycloalkyl or and -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylC<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, in which each aryl or and heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R<sup>7</sup> substituents selected from the group R<sup>7</sup>, wherein each R<sup>7</sup> may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, CN, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7a</sup>, CON(R<sup>7a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or COR<sup>7a</sup>; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or and cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R<sup>8</sup> substituents selected from the group R<sup>8</sup>, wherein each R<sup>8</sup> may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR<sup>10</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8a</sup>, CON(R<sup>8a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or COR<sup>8a</sup>;

each R<sup>7</sup> is, independently, F, Cl, Br, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, -CN, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>7a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>7a</sup>;

each R<sup>7a</sup>, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl group;

each R<sup>8</sup> is, independently, F, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR<sup>10</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>8a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>8a</sup>;

each R<sup>8a</sup>, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl group;

R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group;

R<sup>2</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group;

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R<sup>9</sup> substituents selected from the group R<sup>9</sup>, wherein each R<sup>9</sup> may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR<sup>10</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>8a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>8a</sup>;

each R<sup>9</sup> is, independently, F, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR<sup>10</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>8a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>8a</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>haloalkoxy or -CN;

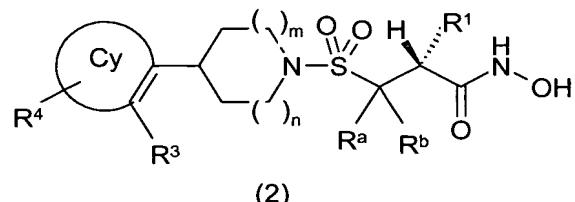
R<sup>4</sup> is a hydrogen, F, Cl, or Br, atom or a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-3</sub>haloalkoxy, -CN, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -CON(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -N(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup> or -NHCOR<sup>5</sup> group;

R<sup>5</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group;

each R<sup>6</sup>, which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl group; and

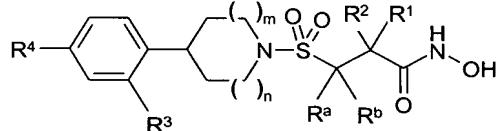
R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, which may be the same or different, is are each an atom or group selected from hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> may be joined to together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group as defined for R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R<sup>9</sup> substituents; and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.

2. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 which has the of formula (2):



~~wherein m, n, Cy, R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in Claim 1;~~  
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~  
~~or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.~~

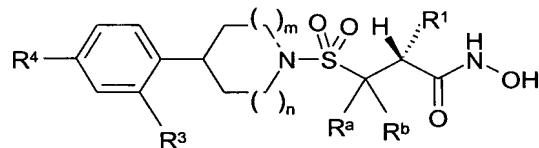
3. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (3):



(3)

~~wherein m, n, R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in Claim 1;~~  
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~  
~~or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.~~

4. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 3 ~~which has the~~ of formula (4):



(4)

~~wherein m, n, R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in Claim 1;~~  
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof~~  
~~or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.~~

5. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein Cy is a phenyl group.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> ~~is~~ are each a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein m is the integer 1 and n is zero or the integer 1.

8. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim in which according to~~ Claim 1 wherein n is the integer 1.

9. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim in which according to~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>phenyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>heteroaryl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>heterocycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, each of which is optionally substituted in which each phenyl or heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>7</sup>, as defined in Claim 1; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>8</sup>, as defined in Claim 1.

10. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 9 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>phenyl.

11. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1, 3 or 5 to 8 in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a an optionally substituted C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>9</sup>, as defined in Claim 1.

12. (original) A compound according to Claim 11 in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclobutyl group.

13. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, methoxy, ethoxy, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>2</sub>H or -CN.

14. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ a hydrogen, F, or Cl, atom or a methyl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, methoxy or -OCF<sub>2</sub>H group.

15. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any preceding Claim~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy.

16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy group.

17. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 15 ~~or Claim 16~~ wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a methyl or methoxy group.

18. (currently amended) A compound which is:

2-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2-[4-(2-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2-benzyl-N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;

2-benzyl-N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;

N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-2-phenylpropionamide;

2(R)-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

2(R)-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-N-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;

1-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

1-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;

~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or N-oxides thereof or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or N-oxide thereof.~~

19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.